

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Amendments to the claims:

Amend claims 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 as follows.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A device for framing an article, the device including
an outer frame component;

an outer panel including a rear side and a viewer side and defining an
aperture, the outer panel being mounted within the outer frame component;

an inner frame component which includes an outer abutment surface
which overlaps a peripheral region of the viewer side of the outer panel
thereby to conceal a peripheral edge of the aperture;

an inner panel which is located within the inner frame component, the
inner frame component including an inner abutment surface which overlaps a
peripheral region of the inner panel in an abutting fashion and the article
being mounted in use within the inner frame component; and

transparent sheet material mounted to the outer frame component and
covering the article.

Claim 2 (original): A device as claimed in Claim 1, in which the inner
panel is an inner panel arrangement including at least two sub-panels, the
inner panel arrangement defining a border between the article and the inner
frame component.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A device as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, in which the outer and inner abutment surfaces are coplanar.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A device as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, in which the abutment surfaces lie in spaced planes so that, in use, the inner and outer panels lie in spaced planes.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, in which the inner frame component includes a concealed portion and an exposed portion, the exposed portion defining the inner and outer abutment surfaces.

Claim 6 (original): A device as claimed in Claim 5, in which the inner frame component defines a generally T-shaped profile in which, when viewed in cross-section, the vertical component of the T-shaped profile corresponds with the concealed portion and the horizontal component corresponds with the exposed portion.

Claim 7 (original): A device as claimed in Claim 6, in which the exposed portion includes a visible decorative pattern.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims 5 to 7 inclusive~~ Claim 5, in which the exposed portion has a height of between 1 mm and 3 mm.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, in which the inner frame component is rectangular in outline and formed from four interconnected members.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, in which the outer panel defines an outer panel arrangement including at least two sub-panels, which are arranged in a face-to-face abutting fashion and each of which defines apertures of different magnitudes.

Claim 11 (previously amended): A device as claimed in Claim 1, in which the outer frame component is a picture frame.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, in which the transparent sheet material is a sheet of glass about which the outer frame component extends.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, in which the outer panel is matt board.

Claim 14 (original): A device for framing an article, the device including
an outer frame component;
an outer panel including a rear side and a viewer side and defining an aperture, the outer panel being mounted within the outer frame component;

an inner frame component which includes an outer abutment surface which overlaps a peripheral region of the viewer side of the outer panel thereby to conceal a peripheral edge of the aperture;

an inner panel which is located within the inner frame component, the inner frame component including an inner abutment surface which overlaps a peripheral region of the inner panel in an abutting fashion and the article being mounted in use within the inner frame component; and

a sheet of glass mounted to the outer frame component so that the outer frame component extends about the sheet of glass, with the sheet of glass covering the article.

Claim 15 (previously amended): A method of assembling a frame for an article, the method including

providing an outer panel having a rear side and a viewer side and defining an aperture, an inner panel in which the article is to be mounted, an inner frame component which includes inner and outer abutment surfaces, an outer frame component, and transparent sheet material;

locating the inner frame component between the inner and the outer panels so that its inner abutment surface overlaps a peripheral region of the inner panel in an abutting fashion while its outer abutment surface overlaps a peripheral region of the viewer side of the outer panel , thereby to conceal a peripheral edge of the aperture;

fastening the inner and outer panels of the inner frame component;
and

mounting the outer panel within the outer frame component with the transparent sheet material over the inner frame component.

Claim 16 (original): A method as claimed in Claim 15, in which fastening of the panels to the inner frame component is by way of a mechanical fasteners selected from the group consisting of staples and tabs which are bent.

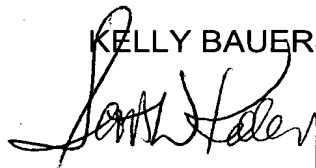
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